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TOKYO FOR RSO

1. CONSULATE CONSIDERS LARGE FIRE EXTINGUISHERS MENTIONED IN REFTEL ARE NECESSARY FOR PRINCIPAL OFFICER'S RESIDENCE (POR). POR IS LARGE, RAMBLING JAPANESE-STYLE HOUSE CONSTRUCTED OF WOOD WHICH HAS BECOME TINDER-BOX DRY OVER LAST FEW DECADES, PAPER SLIDING DOORS THROUGHOUT HOUSE, AND STRAW "TATAMI" MAT FLOOR COVERING THROUGHOUT HOUSE. 90 PERCENT OF HOUSE IS COMPOSED OF HIGHLY FLAMMABLE CONSTRUCTION MATERIAL.
2. IF PART OF HOUSE CATCHES FIRE, IT WOULD HAVE TO BE CONTAINED

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IMMEDIATELY. SMALL EXTINGUISHERS ARE NOT CONSIDERED ADEQUATE TO CONTAIN WOOD FIRE IN THIS HOUSE. SMALL EXTINGUISHERS POSSIBLY CAN BE USED IN KITCHEN WHERE THERE IS NOT AS MUCH FLAMMABLE MATERIAL.

3. FIRE EXTINGUISHER WEIGHING 43.0 KG HAS TWO WHEELS ONE-THIRD HEIGHT OF EXTINGUISHER; 115.0 KG SIZE HAS TWO WHEELS AS HIGH AS FIRE EXTINGUISHER ITSELF. PORTABILITY IS NOT A PROBLEM.
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